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MOU SIGNED WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether MOU has been signed with some foreign countries for greater cooperation in the Power Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof with provisions of each MOU;

(c) whether some power projects would be implemented in Maharashtra during current and next financial years in terms of MOU; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d): The Government of India had signed an MoU with theUnited States of America in July, 1994 for greater cooperation inthe power sector. The objective of this MoUwas to discuss current and prospective energy developments in both countries, facilitate exchange of information, exchange views on energy and related environmental policies including global climate change etc.

Separately, there are a number of Working Groups which have been set up for cooperation with other countries having a bearing on the power sector. The relatively more important Working Groups are with Russia, France, Australia, Germany and Japan.

Further, the Government of India hassigned two Joint Statements with the Government of United States ofAmerica in October, 1999 and March, 2000 which envisage cooperation between the two countries in the area of conventional energy projects, renewable energy, clean coal technology, energy efficiency and related environmental aspects. A Joint Consultative Group on Clean Energy and Environment has been set up as was proposed in the Joint Statement signed in March, 2000.

No specific projects have yet been formulated under the aegis of these Joint Statements so far.